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SUBJ: ILO - BLACK AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB
POLITICAL INITIATIVES

1. AT 1973 SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE, ARABS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, AND VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ARABS HAD OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF BLACK AFRICAN DELEGATES AT ALL STAGES, BUT RESOLUTION EVENTUALLY FAILED IN PLENARY BECAUSE OF PROCEDURAL ERRORS MADE BY ARABS.

2. ARABS REINTRODUCED MODIFIED VERSION OF THIS RES AT PRESENT SESSION, STILL RETAINING HEAVY BLACK AFRICAN SUPPORT. RES WAS ADOPTED IN PLENARY SESSION BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF 224-0-122(US) ON JUNE 20, 1974. UNDER ILO PROCEDURES, ROLL CALL VOTES IN CONFERENCE MUST PRODUCE A TOTAL OF YES AND NO VOTES EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF DELEGATES ACCREDITED AND REGISTERED AS ATTENDING CONFERENCE AT TIME VOTE IS TAKEN, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY ARE IN CHAMBER AND VOTING, OR ACTION FAILS. ABSTENTIONS

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DO NOT COUNT IN REACHING THIS QUORUM.

3. BREAKDOWN OF BLACK AFRICAN VOTES ON THE ANTI-ISRAEL
RES AT THIS SESSION IS FOL:

A. GOVTS. FOR: BURUNDI, CAR, CONGO, DAHOMEY, GHANA,
GUINEA, MALAGASY REP, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS,
NIGER, NIGERIA, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, RWANDA,
SENEGAL, SOMALIA, TANZANIA, TOGO, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA

B. WORKERS FOR: BURUNDI, CONGO, GHANA, KENYA, MALI,
MAURITANIA, NIGERIA, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, RWANDA,
SENEGAL, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA

C. EMPLOYERS FOR: CAR, CONGO, RWANDSA, SENEGAL,
TANZANIA, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA.

D. GOVERNMENTS ABSTAINING: KENYA, MALAWI

E. EMPLOYERS ABSTAINING, KENYA, MALAWI

F. WORDERS ABSTAINING: MALAWI

G. DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING GOVT., WORKER, AND EMPLOYER
DELS) NOT PRESENT IN ROOM WHEN VOTE WAS TAKEN:
CAMEROON, CHAD, ETHIOPIA, GABON, IVORY COAST,
LIBERIA.

H. FOL GOVTS ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ILO: BOTSWANA,
EQUATORIAL GUINEA, THE GAMBIA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND.

I. NOT ALL DELS HAD FULL GOVT, WORKER, EMPLOYER
REPRESENTATION AT TIME OF VOTE.

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